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## IEEE@IIT hosts first general body meeting

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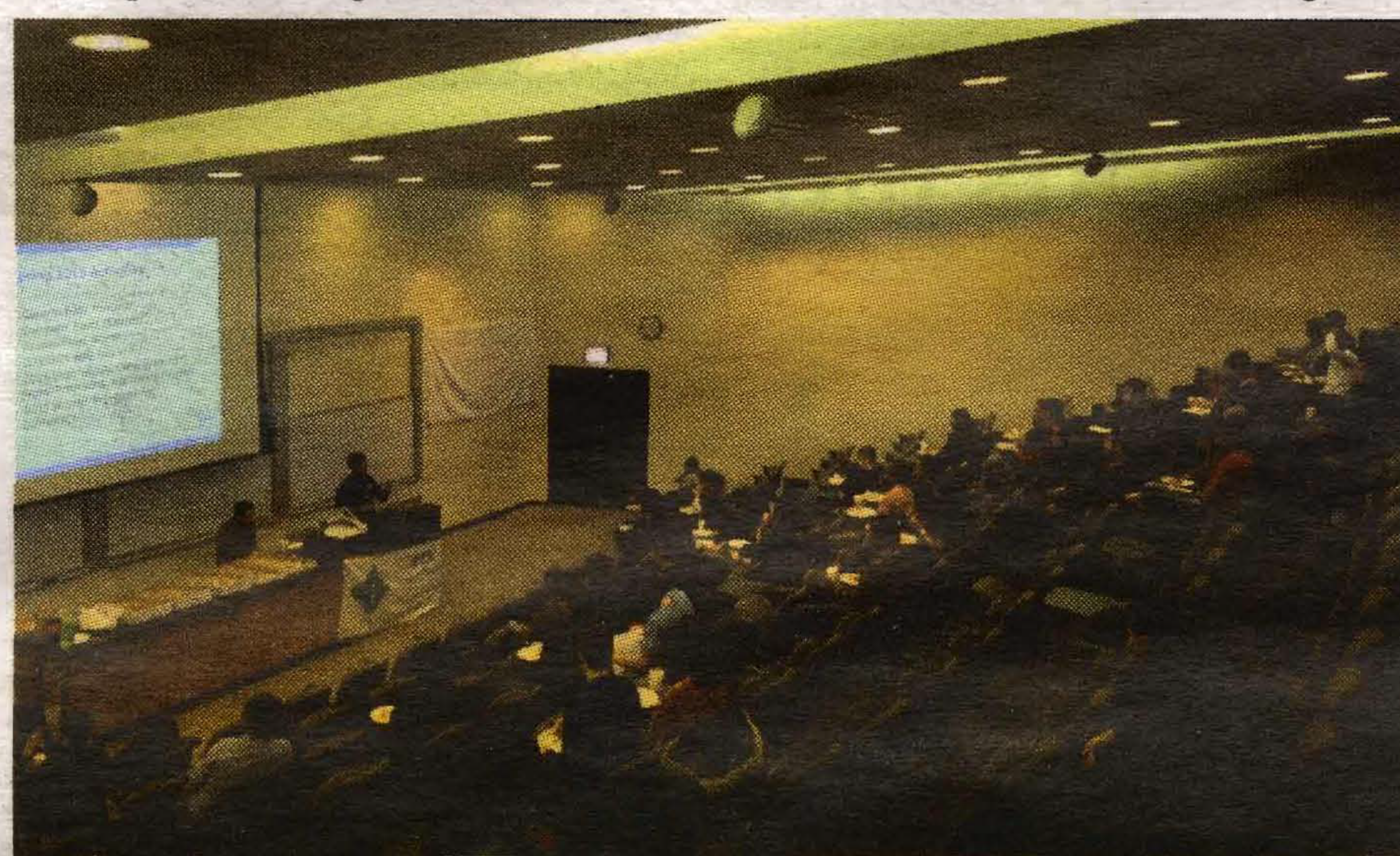
The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Student Chapter at IIT held their first general body meeting of the semester on Wednesday, January 28 in the Siegel Hall Auditorium. Rohit Agarwal, President of IEEE @ IIT, also a final year ECE student, led the meeting by explaining IEEE and its significance to students and professionals alike.

Agarwal stated that the student branch at IEEE is a great platform for students to connect to the industry and an excellent resource to further their professional careers. He also said that our student branch is the most active in region 4, which serves members in and around the midwest area.

The executive board of the student branch currently has three vacant positions. These are the posts of Publicity Chair, who is responsible for proper advertisement of events and activities, Webmaster, who takes care of maintaining the branch website (ieee.iit.edu), and Industry Relations Chair, who is responsible for building connections with full-time

professionals.

The student branch is also organizing a T-shirt design competition for the ECE department. Designs for T-shirts can be



emailed to ieee@iit.edu with the subject "T-Shirt Design." Two winning designs will be chosen by the ECE department and prizes will

be given to those students. The ECE department is also conducting an ECE Best Instructor poll to vote for the best department faculty member for their excellence in teaching. There

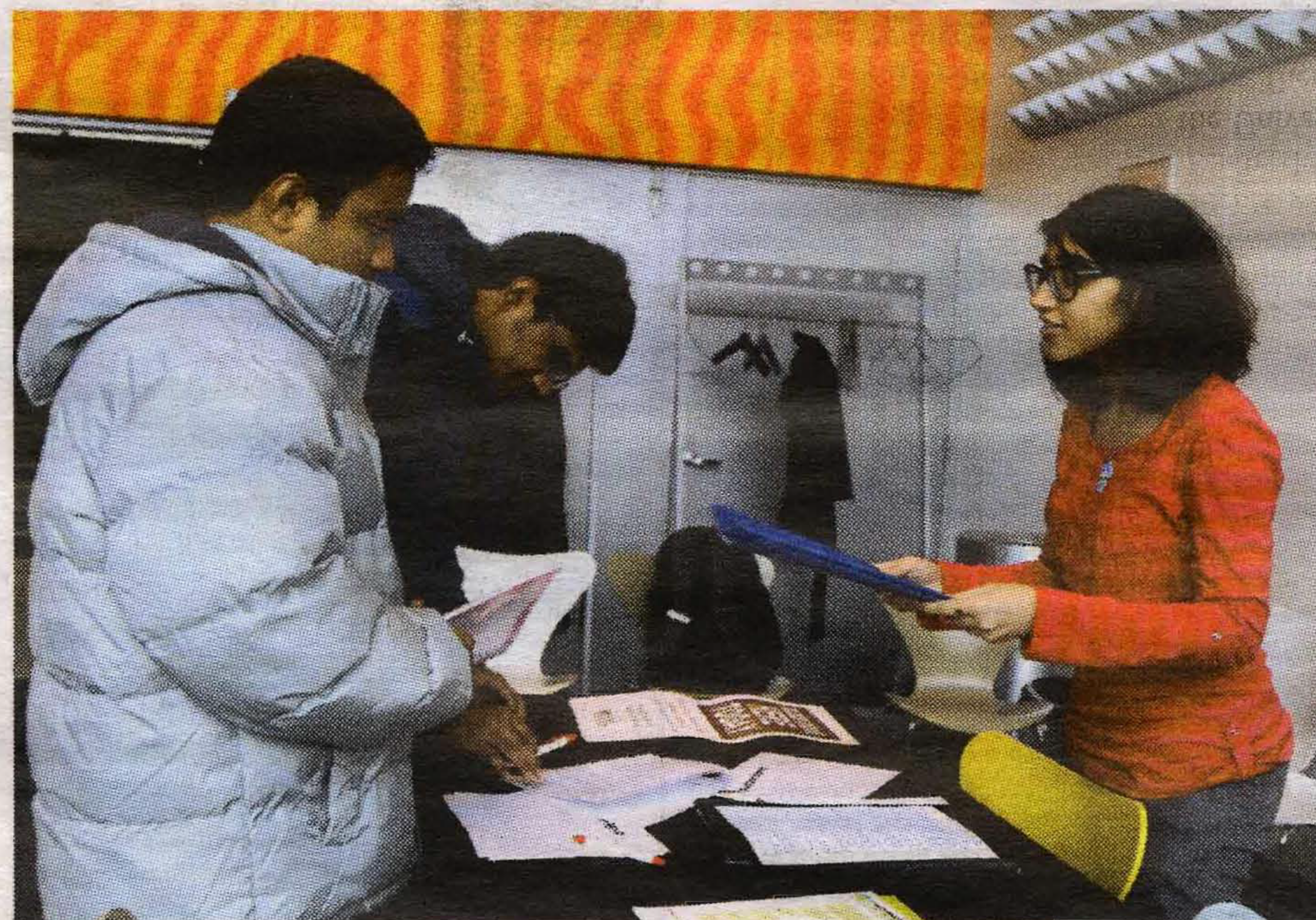
is a wide range of ongoing projects funded by IEEE aimed at involving students outside of classes enabling them to apply their theoretical

knowledge and develop practical skills. This will help students understand how to work as a team in the process of gaining real-world skills in the field of electrical engineers. Information about projects can be found on the branch website and interested students can register themselves on the same.

Agarwal also mentioned that IEEE general body meetings are being held every month to reach out to students, both members and non-members, and kindle their interests within the engineering field. The student branch also organizes company tours and outdoor events, information on which will be sent out to members on a regular basis. Members of the branch also participate in lot of professional conferences. This year, eight students will be representing IIT at the Student Leadership Conference which will be held at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, in February. There are another couple upcoming conferences this year including the International Conference on Signal Processing and Communication and the Women in Engineering Conference. Information about these will be updated on the website and also publicized in the future general body meetings.

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